

Royal Neighbors of Two Counties Holding Convention Today

The city of Torrance today welcomes 1,000 ladies of the Los Angeles and Orange County Association of Royal Neighbors for their annual meeting in the Civic Auditorium. Distinguished guests at the affair include Edna E. Walsh, chairman of the board of supreme managers, who comes from Rook Island, Ill.; Mrs. Christina Hamill, supervisor of Los Angeles and Nevada; and Mrs. Minnie Oberbushner, California state orator.

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Following the all-day session a banquet will be held for all delegates at McDonald hall, 1951 Carson street, at 5:45 p. m. The evening session will be held in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p. m., and will include music by the Torrance Municipal band. Memorial services will be conducted by Glendale camp, class of adoption will be initiated by the Ever Ready degree staff of Los Angeles.

Drill exhibitions will be held and these will be open to the public. None but registered members may attend the convention. The password will be required of all who seek admission to the closed lodge sessions. Guardians of the door will be Mary and Lenora Schroeder, Ella Quigley and Hallie Doan.

Local Aldes Named

District officers present are Edith Hazard, president of Los Angeles and Orange County district; Agnes Walters, vice president; Nora Kinser, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Anna Cording, senior district deputy of San Diego; Mrs. Lenora Fletcher, district deputy of Long Beach; Rose Lee, district deputy of Glendale; Georgia Olsen, Los Angeles city deputy, and Mamie Kirschner, district deputy of Beverly Hills.

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Harbor Day Fete Set for April 30

Dramatizing the importance of Los Angeles' great seaport to Southern California's inland residents, annual "Harbor Day" will be celebrated this year on April 30 in conjunction with the breakwater completion celebration and return of the United States Fleet from maneuvers in the Pacific.

Los Angeles, San Pedro, Wilmington and Long Beach Junior Chambers of Commerce will sponsor the seaport pageant which attracted 75,000 people last year. With the navy steaming in on April 30, San Pedro holding a special festival celebrating the breakwater's completion, and the lure of the traditional "Harbor Day" plans, a record crowd of from 150,000 to 200,000 is expected this year.

Open house will be observed by all boats in the harbor, docks and warehouses, factories and port facilities. Southern California's citizens will be accommodated in reviewing every phase of the seaport through which \$100,000,000 worth of commerce is moved annually.

Gain Noted in Tax Payments

Back payments on tax-deeded property in Los Angeles county showed a gain of \$70,000 for March over the same month last year, totalling \$807,000. It was disclosed today by Howard L. Byram, county tax collector. Meanwhile, tax collector collections are running nearly one percent behind, according to W. A. Ashcroft, chief bookkeeper. Owners of tax-deeded property have until next August 20 to take advantage of the plan to pay delinquent taxes in 10 installments, as the result of an extension granted in a bill signed recently by Governor Frank F. Merriam. The bill was passed at the special session of the legislature.

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A revival of the "chain-letter" racket has been noted in Southern California by postal authorities and this week Postmaster Earl Conner of this city and Birda Paddock of Lomita issued warnings against mailing the missives, which contain requests for money without due consideration.

Postmaster Paddock revealed that a score of cards which requested continuation of handkerchief gifts and asked for prayers have been confiscated this week.

Letters which threaten "bad luck" if the chain is broken are banned under postal regulations and will be stopped in the first postoffices in which they are discovered.

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Harbor Group Meets Tonight in Palos Verdes

A number of local residents will attend the April meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at the Palos Verdes Country club. The Palos Verdes chamber will be host for the afternoon business meeting and dinner-session.

The principal address of the evening will not follow the customary plan of purely local discussion, W. J. Crook, secretary, has announced. Instead, Phillip Norton will speak on "What We May Lose in the Far East."

The highways committee was scheduled to meet this afternoon and the dinner will start at 6:30 tonight.

Council Buys New Police Car, Denies Music Fund, Renews Library Contract in Session Last Night

The vacant chair at the council table which has been with-out an occupant since Robert J. Deininger resigned Feb. 26 was vacant for the last time at city council meeting last night. Next Tuesday night, April 18, after the ballots of last Tuesday's municipal election are canvassed, it will be occupied by Councilman-elect John V. Murray. The four-man council transacted the following business last night:

GRANT DAIRY PERMIT: The county health department having raised no objections, Mrs. Sam Correa was given a permit to operate a dairy in the Meadow Park district of WALTERIA.

LIBRARY REQUESTS: At a meeting yesterday afternoon, the city library board, headed by Scott R. Ludlow, president, made these requests of the council: That the contract for library services be continued with the county library for fiscal 1938-39 and that repairs should be made to the entrance of the Walteria branch library. Both were ratified by the council.

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Churches Arrange Joint Services Tonight, Friday

A city-wide communion service will be held at the Central Evangelical church, Arlington and Marcella, tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Torrance Ministerial association. All Christians, regardless of denominational connections, are cordially invited to participate.

Rev. Frank T. Porter of the Christian church, will preside. Rev. B. C. Brewster, Methodist, will read the communion Scripture lesson; Rev. C. M. Northrup, Baptist, will offer prayer, and Rev. E. W. Matz, Central Evangelical, will preach the communion sermon.

Special music will be provided by the Methodist church choir.

Special Easter Rites

Union Good Friday services will also be held at the Central Evangelical church tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of the ministerial group. Rev. Brewster will preside. Rev. Porter is to read the Good Friday Scripture lesson. Rev. Matz will offer prayer and Rev. Northrup is to deliver the sermon.

His subject will be "Christ and the Cross." The Central Evangelical church choir will provide the musical setting for this community interdenominational service.

All churches in the city have planned special Easter Sunday services. Details of these will be found in the church section published elsewhere in this edition.

SUNRISE SERVICE ON LOMITA HILLTOP

An Easter sunrise service will be conducted atop one of the hills south of Lomita and off the end of Narbonne avenue beginning at 5:15 o'clock Sunday morning. Signs will be posted to direct worshippers to the rites which will be directed by Rev. John Orr. Rev. Leo Kline of Gardena will be the principal speaker and other pastors participating are: Revs. David Moutz, Harbor City, Scripture reading; Urban Hall, invocation; Harold Adams, prayer, and David Shank, benediction.

TWO MORE WELLS IN

Two more deepened wells went on production in the South Torrance field during the past week as operators continued steady exploration of the deeper strata in search of richer high gravity oil.

On Sepulveda west of Narbonne, C. B. Patton completed his No. 2 and is now reported pumping 150 barrels cutting 50 percent and clearing up from 5,016 feet. Pesco Oil has finished its U. S. Royalties No. 18 at 220th and Pennsylvania for an unestimated yield. This hole is reported down to 5,013 feet.

Timeco Oil is preparing to deepen its No. 1 north of 229th between Narbonne and Pennsylvania.

BUY POLICE CAR: A request from the police department for a new car, a Ford sedan being specified, at a net cost of \$738.55 (\$300 being allowed on the trade-in of a 1935 Plymouth sedan) was received and authorized. The car will be purchased from Schultz and Peckham, local Ford dealers.

MAKE ALLEY DEAL: Leonard Young, assistant city engineer, informed the board that the Los Angeles board of education was willing to purchase a lot near the Walteria school in order to provide a 20-foot alley way to residents adjoining the enlarged school grounds. The council then approved the school board's request for permission to vacate an existing alley in order to provide the larger school area.

DENY MUSIC REQUEST: Councilman Tom McGuire reported that the committee which studied the request for a \$300 allocation to the Torrance Musicians' Society for the Torrance symphony orchestra had decided not to recommend the fund-grant. Instead, the Civic Auditorium—was offered free of charge for any concerts the musicians might arrange, providing the building was not engaged.

Hitchcock, Murray, Bartlett and Leech Win City Posts as 2,396 Set New Vote Record

They Received Voters' Endorsement



JAMES E. HITCHCOCK
Re-Elected City Councilman



JOHN V. MURRAY
City Councilman-elect



MRS. HARRIETT LEECH
City Treasurer-elect



ALBERT H. BARTLETT
Re-Elected City Clerk

LEGION TO HOLD DINNER

Members of Bert S. Crossland American Legion post are inviting their men friends to the annual Past Commanders' dinner-party which will be held next Tuesday night, April 19, at the Legion hall. Tickets for the dinner, which will begin at 7 o'clock, are selling for 35 cents and Commander Grant Barkdull emphasizes that there will be no fines or collections taken up for any purpose.

Principal speaker will be Major A. M. Lawrence of the 63rd Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Division. Wallace Post will be chairman of the dinner-session. He is urging all members to attend and bring guests for this "good-will" party.

Free Use of 138 Polling Places Saves \$10,000

A list of 138 locations in Torrance and other communities where polling places could be established by the county without the necessity of paying rent were on file with the board of supervisors today in compliance with a recent board order. Saving of approximately \$10,000 could be effected by using the 138 locations if they are suitably located within the various precincts and would supplant polling places ordinarily rented at \$8 each. Some of the 138 locations already are used rent-free, however.

Included in the list are 65 branch libraries, 29 fire stations, 17 justice courts, nine health centers, seven building bureau offices, three recreation department buildings, two welfare offices, one agricultural building, and five miscellaneous locations. More than half of the 138 locations are in the first supervisory district.

APRIL BUILDING MAINTAINS PACE SET IN FIRST QUARTER

Indicating that April may maintain the new construction pace set in the first quarter of the year, building permits since the first of the month have totaled \$11,000, it was learned yesterday at the city building department.

Two permits for construction of wooden oil derricks accounted for all but \$1,000 of this total, the remainder of the building work being confined to additions, remodeling, setting up of moved-in homes and one factory building.

This latter work is being done by the Felker Manufacturing company, makers of diamond saws, on Emerald avenue east of Hawthorne avenue. A corrugated iron frame building is being erected there at a cost of \$250 to accommodate an increased production schedule.

Baker Oil company of Long Beach is erecting a wooden derrick at 22800 Pennsylvania and Lakeside Oil company of Los Angeles is putting up another derrick at 2318 Sepulveda. Both permits were for \$5,000 each. Other construction projects started here were:

Mrs. Florence Welch is putting a 9 by 17-foot addition to a porch on her house at 1510 Engracia for \$100; Nick Wovk of Stevenson, B. C., who owns a home at 2215 Torrance boulevard is adding a frame garage costing \$100, and L. S. McCluer is erecting and remodeling a garage at 1812 Arlington for \$100.

K. Motoyasu is setting up two moved-in houses at Victor and Huntington streets for \$300 and John Hutsler is having an addition erected to his shop building at 2903 Arlington for \$150.

KIWANIS DANCE

The first "ladies' night" dinner-dance party of the year for the Kiwanis club will be held Monday night at the Palos Verdes Country club. Dr. W. I. Vaughan is general chairman of the festivities. About 100 are expected to attend.

Candidates' Tallies By Precincts

FOR COUNCIL:	Precinct No. 1	Precinct No. 2	Precinct No. 3	Precinct No. 4	Precinct No. 5	Precinct No. 6	Precinct No. 7	Precinct No. 8	Precinct No. 9	Precinct No. 10	Precinct No. 11	Precinct No. 12	Precinct No. 13	Precinct No. 14	TOTAL
Hitchcock	41	84	94	100	120	75	107	76	80	51	96	138	48	104	1,043
Murray	45	64	85	80	59	88	48	57	107	42	50	67	93	885	
Gilbert	13	59	21	40	40	49	82	55	41	16	62	44	32	624	
Raymond	18	46	62	35	28	57	17	35	87	39	43	16	66	548	
Hill	19	46	33	24	30	31	34	51	43	27	35	64	16	453	
Klusman	15	11	18	22	8	14	3	21	11	18	20	6	1	174	
Shawyer	1	20	3	21	10	15	9	13	27	4	12	4	9	149	
Marsteller	4	15	9	12	15	10	25	5	6	5	1	15	12	121	
Kelsey	1	11	3	11	26	15	13	8	10	5	11	7	2	123	
Egerer	6	8	8	10	1	17	7	2	12	9	6	5	8	105	
Schmidt	1	6	11	3	7	9	7	10	9	5	5	2	11	86	
Wright	3	6	14	7	12	6	4	7	5	0	6	1	8	79	
Hagberg	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	3	9	1	14	2	34	
FOR CLERK:															
Bartlett	62	113	145	118	116	118	122	105	140	66	106	145	92	1,418	
Scott	25	7	51	83	89	69	59	70	85	53	71	47	64	835	
Holme	1	11	4	7	4	7	7	3	9	4	5	1	9	72	
TREASURER:															
Leech	48	110	49	110	119	103	110	99	129	51	93	120	80	1,206	
Ludlow	26	63	67	58	68	67	46	46	49	53	62	63	62	760	
Tiffany	9	10	24	36	24	27	34	36	26	9	24	6	22	292	

School Voters' Registration to End June 3

Only two more weeks remain to register for the forthcoming elementary school district elections to be held in unincorporated communities of the county on June 3, according to a reminder to local citizens today from W. M. Kerr, county registrar of voters.

After the deadline to register on April 28 has passed Kerr will announce the number of qualified voters eligible to ballot at the election, in each school district in the county.

Williams Heads Moose Lodge

Henry Williams was elected director of the Torrance Moose lodge No. 785 at the last meeting. Other officers chosen to serve during the next 12 months were H. H. Cooke, vice-director; Eric Betts, prelate; T. J. Wilkes, secretary; J. Lepin, treasurer, and John V. Murray, trustee.

Installation ceremonies will be held Friday night, April 29. The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

Newsman Named On Safety Council

Announcement was made this week by Fred D. Parr, president of the California Safety Council, Inc., that Michael Strasser, city editor of The Herald, has been appointed a member of the advisory board for 1938-39.

The Council will shortly establish a new engineering bureau to attack the traffic accident problem from the angle of modernized highways with grade separations, divided roadways, illumination at dangerous intersections.

SAID RECOVERING

Jeannette, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Probert, is recovering from a serious kidney ailment.

WILL TAKE OFFICE ON APRIL 18

As result of the 10th municipal election here Tuesday when more voters went to the 13 polls than at any previous general ballot event (2,396 or nearly 55 percent of the total registration of 4,376) two new names were added to the city's record of public servants and two officials received sweeping endorsement for continued service.

Councilman James E. Hitchcock led the field of 13 candidates with 1,073 votes for the municipal board and was re-elected for another four-year term;

John V. Murray, well-known barber, received 885 votes and qualified for the second councilmanic position for four years;

City Clerk Albert H. Bartlett was given more ballots than his two opponents combined—1,418—and 241 more than in the 1934 election. He was returned for a fourth four-year term; and

Mrs. Harriett Leech, florist, collected 1,266 X's, more than her two opponents, to succeed Scott R. Ludlow as city treasurer and become the first woman to hold public office here.

Propaganda Fails
The present city council will meet next Tuesday night, April 18, to canvass the ballots, officially declare the winners, and install them in office.

At that time the nine absentee ballots deposited with the city clerk will be opened and their contents added to the candidates' totals.

There were no "issues" as such in the campaign but the vote-drive was spirited. Attempts made to discredit various candidates in the race by distribution of an orange and a green sheet of obvious propaganda material failed utterly in their purpose, but provided plenty of conversation.

Circulation of such anonymous political sheets is a plain violation of the state law, which relegates that both the names of those responsible for the publication of the material and the imprint of the printer be given to all such political propaganda.

Labor League Jubilant
First returns from the precincts indicated the trend toward the re-election of Hitchcock and Bartlett and the election of Mrs. Leech and Murray and none of the succeeding vote reports changed that status.

A crowd of half a hundred men gathered in and about the city hall to get the results and a large group assembled at the headquarters of Labors' Non-Partisan League in the Moose hall across the street Tuesday night but there was no excitement or election enthusiasm.

The labor ticket supporters were jubilant over Murray's victory, the barber having received the League's endorsement in recognition of his quarter-century membership in the A. F. of L. His running-mate, Howard P. Raymond, a member of the C. I. O., came in fourth.

Gilbert Places Third
The record turn-out for a general election evidently resulted from the record number of candidates in the race—19—and the fact that all had been busy impressing their friends with their qualifications.

Councilman Hitchcock topped seven of the 13 precincts with Murray taking the lead in the remaining six. Wallace H. Gilbert came third with 624 followed by Raymond who gathered 548 votes. Ondaus "Doc" Hill was in fifth place with 453 and the remaining candidates were strung out with diminishing returns down to Joel Hagberg, Walteria longshoreman, who brought up the finish with 34 ballots.

James H. Scott polled second (Continued on Page 3A)